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# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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## View from the Chair

By Jerry Satterwhite, LCSW



It is really hard to believe that at the end of this year, I will have served on this Board for six years. This means I will be riding (or limping) into the sunset and you will have the opportunity to support someone else as the representative from District 6. At the same time, Melanie Bankhead from District 1, and Traci Treese from District 2 will also be leaving the Board. More about that in a minute.

There have been many changes in the six years I have served you and the public. Alice retired and we lost the better part of our corporate memory. Fortunately we were able to hire Brenda Holden who had the experience to help us to keep the boat afloat. Also a sad note was the untimely death of Toni Houlton who had been our clerk for many years.

Also during those six years we survived two Sunset Hearings, hired an investigator, and completely revised our rules and regulations. It used to be that Disciplinary Hearings were rare occurrences. Now they happen with unsettling frequency.

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## Board Members

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. How many hours do I need to renew my license?
  - A. 30 hours are required to renew all three levels and 20 hours are needed to renew the PIP.
- Q. I forgot to submit my "Contract of Supervision" at the time we started my supervision. Is there anything we can do to get credit for those months?
  - A. Yes, if the person that has been supervising you is eligible to do so, submit the signed forms with the current date for the signatures and the actual date that the supervision began for the contract date.
- Q. I've been notified that my application to take the licensing exam has expired, does this mean I have to get the three letters of reference over again?
  - A. Yes, you must have three new letters submitted, however your transcripts will still be here unless it's been over five years since you're application was closed.
- Q. Why do I have to pay the Board the \$75.00 to retake the exam?
  - A. We require an application fee each time we process your request for the exam.

Actually, this is both bad and good. Bad in that social workers are doing things they should not do, and good in that our new rules and regulations define many areas that were gray, and now give us a strong platform from which to take disciplinary action or dismiss false or unsupportable claims.

I am also proud of the fact that the Alabama Board has become more active on the national level. The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) holds an annual business meeting and an annual educational conference each year and these have been well attended by Board members. Also, several Board members have been appointed to national committees both as members and as Chairperson.

Obviously, from what I have said, it is easy to tell that I have enjoyed my six years on the board and feel that there were many accomplishments. Being appointed to the Board by the Governor is truly an honor. However, that appointment carries with it the awesome responsibility of protecting the public as well as furthering the profession of social work. It takes a real commitment of time and energy. A commitment to attend monthly board meeting, and to really study and understand the spirit as well as the letter of the Alabama State Social Work License Law and the Rules and Regulations. Maintaining the energy to continually seek ways to improve the process and keep information flowing to the licensees and public is always a challenge. The Board's three main goals are:

- To protect the public from incompetent, unethical and unlawful social work practice
- To enforce qualification standards for all levels of licensure and certification
- To delineate unlawful conduct through disciplinary procedures against practitioners who violate applicable laws or rules

In closing I would like to encourage those of you who have the interest, commitment, and energy to seek appointment to the Board. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find an article that explains which Congressional Districts will have vacancies, and the process for seeking appointment. I highly recommend. ❖

## Board Appointment Openings

By: Brenda W. Holden

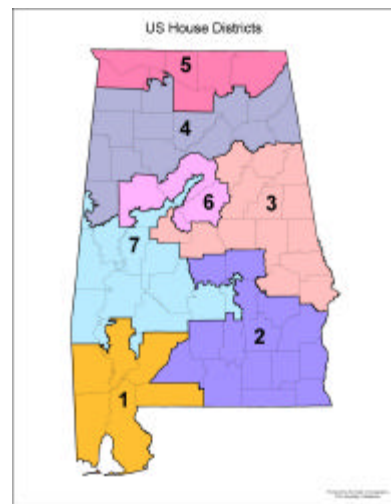
We will begin the process of filling three positions on the Board. These openings are in the Alabama Counties Divided among the U.S. Congressional Districts 1, 2 and 6.

**District 1** - Baldwin, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Washington, and part of Clarke.

**District 2** – Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and part of Montgomery.

**District 6** – Shelby, and parts of Bibb, Jefferson, and Tuscaloosa

The persons to fill these positions must reside in district 1, 2, or 6 and only one from each district can be appointed. The positions will be filled according to Code of Alabama, 1975 §34-30-50. The three current members expiring are LCSW's.



According to the Code, nominations are made by licensed social workers in a form of a letter written to the Board's address. We will begin accepting nomination letters for these positions in September. The top three candidates for each district (the people with the most letters of recommendation) are placed on a list and sent to the Governors Office for appointment. The Governors Office must make a selection within 30 days or the position goes to the person with the most letters for each district. We will be presenting the list to the Governors Office on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have someone you would like to nominate or if you're interested in the position you need to start campaigning soon and have the letters sent to: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners, 64 N Union Street Suite 129, Montgomery, AL 36130-1620. Please do not send letters before September. ❖

### NEW LBSW's

BONDS	LISA A	F	LEIGHTON
BRADLEY	CATHERINE	L	BIRMINGHAM
BROWN	SHERRIE	A	HUNTSVILLE
CALLEN	DAWN		AUBURN
CARNES	LYNN	B	GADSDEN
COMSTOCK	CHRISTIE	L	HOOVER
CRAIG	GLORIA	J	JACKSONVILLE
DRESSER	MARIA		ASHVILLE
DUKES	ALICE	B	GADSDEN
ELLIS-SMITH	REGINA		BIRMINGHAM
FAIRCLOTH	SHANNON	R	SYLACAUGA
FELTON-WRIGHT	WENDY	C	AUBURN
FIELDER	DJUNA	M	JACKSONVILLE
FLURRY	ROSE	L	PELL CITY
FOX	KRISTA	M	MONTGOMERY
GARDNER	BRENDA	R	HUNTSVILLE
GILCHRIST	KRISTIN	E	DECATUR
GILLESPIE	CATHERINE	C	PHENIX CITY
GRAYSON-WOODS	KENYATTA	T	PHENIX CITY
HANSFORD	APRIL	D	KNOXVILLE
HAYES	SCOTT	A	TALLASSEE
HAYES	ROBBY		FLORENCE
HERRING	TEEDI	A	DECATUR
HICKS	JEWELL FAYE		COKER
HIGGINS	LEIANNE		BIRMINGHAM
JACKSON	RENEE	S	ALEXANDER
JOHNSON	KAREN	B	MOODY
KING	JIMMY	R	GENEVA
LARRABEE	MEILAUNI	L	ENTERPRISE
LAWRENCE	TANYA		TUSCALOOSA
LITTLETON	MARJORIE	E	CLANTON
LOWRANCE	PAMELA	S	BESSEMER
MACMULLIN	STEPHEN		FLORENCE
MARBURY	STARLA	A	BIRMINGHAM
MCAFFRY	SARAH	E	TUSCUMBIA
MILLER	TRACY	E	ATHENS
MILLER	MARK		PIEDMONT
MORAN	AMANDA		BIRMINGHAM
MORROW	TRACIE	E	WEAVER
OLIVER	AMY	M	HUNTSVILLE
PEIRCE	CASSANDRA	L	BIRMINGHAM
PEOPLES	VERONICA	M	MONTEVALLO
PERRY	STEPHANIE	E	BILOXI
PURVIS	STACY	C	DECATUR
RICHARDSON	HOLLY	R	MADISON
SCOTT	DIANN	B	GADSDEN
SFAKIANOS	WENDY		BIRMINGHAM
SHEFFIELD	FAYE	M	PINE HILL
SILVA	CHRISTIAN	L	PRATTVILLE
SPEARS	DELORIS	D	EQUALITY
SPEIGNER	TERESA		GADSDEN

LBSW's CONTINUED			
STEWART	TAMIKA	A	HUNTSVILLE
TUCKER-GLASGOW	JENNIFER		FAYETTEVILLE
VICKERY	KIER	T	BRILLIANT
WOOD	ERICA	K	LINEVILLE
WYNN	KELLEY	A	CEDAR BLUFF
YOCOM	LEAH	M	RUSSELLVILLE

### NEW LGSW's

ARNWINE	CARRIE	E	NORTHPORT
BARRAZA	MELANIE	D	MADISON
BURKE	JULIE	A	FAIRHOPE
COOK	THERESA	L	PELL CITY
CROSS	MARGARET	F	NEW ORLEANS
DAVIS	MELISSA	W	SOUTHSIDE
GROSSI	JOSEPH	S	PENSACOLA
HAYNES	PHILIP	A	MOBILE
JONES	EMILY	G	AUBURN
KIRBY	ROBIN	W	ALABASTER
KULOVITZ	PATRICIA	R	TALLADEGA
LAND	REBECCA	L	CULLMAN
LILLIEWOOD	MELISSA	G	MONTGOMERY
LOONEY	TIA	F	BIRMINGHAM
MALONE	ASHLEY	G	TUSCALOOSA
MCDERMOTT	MONA	H	MONTGOMERY
PAYNE	NANCY	K	MOBILE
ROBERTSON	WARNIE	M	ATHENS
SANDRIDGE	SANDI	L	MONTGOMERY
SHAH	AVANI		TUSCALOOSA
STEVENS	LUDMILLA		HANCEVILLE
STOKES	BRENDA	S	THOMASTON
TILLETTE	KENDRA	K	BIRMINGHAM
VIEW	CRYSTAL	M	CALERA
WARWICK	PATRICIA	E	DAPHNE
WOOD	MICHELLE	O	TITUS
WYATT	DALE	W	HOOVER

### NEW LCSW's

ADAMS	ASHLEY	E	BIRMINGHAM
ARTMAN	PAMELA	S	MONTGOMERY
BOSWORTH	GAYLE	E	MONTGOMERY
BROWN	SUE ANN	B	HOOVER
BUZA	MICHAEL	L	SWARTZ CREEK
COUEY	MICHELLE	N	HARTSELLE
DANIEL	JASON	M	BIRMINGHAM
GREEN	PAMELA	F	HELENA
GURGANUS	STACY		CREOLA
HENDERSON	PHYLLIS ANN		TUSCALOOSA
KELLY	CAROLA	B	DECATUR
MAINOR	MOLLY	M	BIRMINGHAM
MCBRIDE	KRISTY	D	FAIRFIELD
NEWSOME	ALICIA	M	JACKSONVILLE

LCSW's CONTINUED			
RATLEY	KELLI	H	MOULTON
ROMANOWSKI	MARILYN	M	HUNTSVILLE
SIPES	PATRICIA	O	DECATUR
SPAFARD	JUDITH	A	CARROLLTON
STOUT	PHYLISS	D	SCOTTSBORO
WALLER	FRANCES	W	BIRMINGHAM
WALSH	KIMBERLY	E	BIRMINGHAM
WALTON	TONI	M	BIRMINGHAM

#### NEW PIP's

BEARMAN-WOLNEK	MICHELLE		BIRMINGHAM
COOKSEY	MARY	J	TALLADEGA
GUEST	CHRISTY	G	MOBILE
HARRIS	GINA	E	HOMEWOOD
IVERSON	LAUREL		BIRMINGHAM
MARTIN	KATE		AUBURN
MOODY	MICHELLE		MOBILE
MORRIS	JANICE	N	MONTGOMERY
NEWSOME	ALICIA	M	JACKSONVILLE
NUNNALLY	DEBORAH	A	BESSEMER
ROMAN	CAROL		HUNTSVILLE
SMITH	DAVID	M	NORTHPORT

#### PIP'S CONTINUED

STOUT	PHYLISS	D	SCOTTSBORO
TURNAGE	VICKI	H	NORTHPORT
WESLEY	JANE	L	TUSCALOOSA
WOMER	CAROL	C	AUBURN

**KIMBERLY  
BRASHER SMITH**



Kim started working for the Board in February to help in the office shortly after Toni passed away. She was very quick to catch on and was soon able to handle the office, which allowed Brenda to attend the Spring Education Conference in Tennessee. Her time with us will soon be over since we could only hire her temporarily; she will be much missed. We hope we'll be able to get her back. Regardless we wish her much success in the future.

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